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THREE RAIDS ON TEL-AVIV

Five Jews Killed: Two Planes Shot Down

MUFTI OF JERUSALEM ENTERS PALESTINE

Palestine, May 16.—Five Jews were killed and two enemy planes were shot down in the third air raid today on the Jewish capital of Tel-Aviv. One of the planes plunged into the sea near Herzlia while the other made a forced landing bringing the two day score to three enemy aircraft shot down. Little damage was done today by the raiders.

Arab planes were also reported by Jewish sources here to have attacked two Jewish settlements of Afikim and Ashdot Yaacov in the Tiberias district. These reports said that the two settlements snuggling in the Jordan valley were attacked by three planes and several children were reported to be wounded.

Reports from Jerusalem said that the western suburbs where were still under heavy fire while the Arabs opened an attack on the Jewish quarter inside the old walls. The Arabs were also reported to be attacking the small Jewish village of Nova Yaacov in the Judean hills six miles northeast of Jerusalem.

Jewish forces presented no strong opposition to the raiding Egyptian planes. Anti-aircraft fire was light and no Jewish planes engaged the raiders in dogfights.

Slender Egyptian spitfires flew virtually unmolested high in blue skies over Tel-Aviv in several alerts today. Private sources indicated however, the Jews are holding back any counter attack until the opening of a new offensive.

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Civil guards in green berets forced all persons to take shelter against the walls of houses when the spitfires appeared.

Unofficial and unconfirmed reports said that the Egyptian army has entered Beer Sheva in south Palestine today.—United Press.

TIBERIAS BOMBED

Haifa, May 16.—A hostile aircraft bombed Tiberias, on the shores of the Lake of Galilee and three Jewish settlements in the area today, a Jewish source said.

A Jewish settler, arriving at Haifa, said a twin-engine aircraft attacked Tiberias, Ashdot Yaacov and Afikim. A single-engine plane made one bombing run over Eln Gev, on the eastern shore of Galilee close to the Transjordan frontier.

Eln Gev, he said, was also attacked with heavy artillery from the Transjordan hills which rise sharply east of the sea.

An unmarked plane, presumably Jewish, bombed the Arab village of Samra, south of Tiberias. Later, Hagannah announced in Tel-Aviv, that Tiberias was attacked from the air.

There was no information on damage.

BRIDGES DESTROYED

Jewish sources also reported that foreign troops equipped with heavy tanks were entering the Holy Land near El Hamma, an Arab village where the borders of Palestine, Syria and Transjordan meet.

Bridges across the Jordan river, south of the Jordan river, and south of Sea of Galilee, were destroyed in front of the invaders, the sources added.

Samra, recently captured by the Jews, was evacuated except for a police fortress at the entrance of the town, the sources said.

Arab Legion troops blew up the hydro-electric plant at Naharim in Transjordan territory at the junction of the Jordan and Yarmuk rivers. The informant added the station supplied power to Jewish settlements and their water pumping stations in the Jordan valley.—Associated Press.

MUFTI IN PALESTINE

London, May 16.—Haj Amin El Husseini, the Mufti of Jerusalem and Chairman of the Arab Higher Committee, entered Palestine today and established headquarters in the Holy Land behind the invading Arab forces, a New York Radio

despatch from Palestine reported. He was reported to have left Damascus this morning by air for Calro "with the intention of entering Palestine." Other Committee members left with him.

Israel is applying to the 58 members of the United Nations, as well as to some other Governments, for explicit recognition, the new State's Foreign Minister, Mr Moshe Shertok, disclosed in Tel Aviv tonight. He told correspondents that such a request has already been sent to Britain.

While Tel-Aviv's 170,000 population was reported to be taking the raids calmly, Iraq, claimed today that her mechanized forces—now joined with the armies of Egypt, Transjordan, Syria and The Lebanon in the invasion—had crossed the River Jordan, the first natural barrier in a westward drive to the Mediterranean.

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RACING TIPS

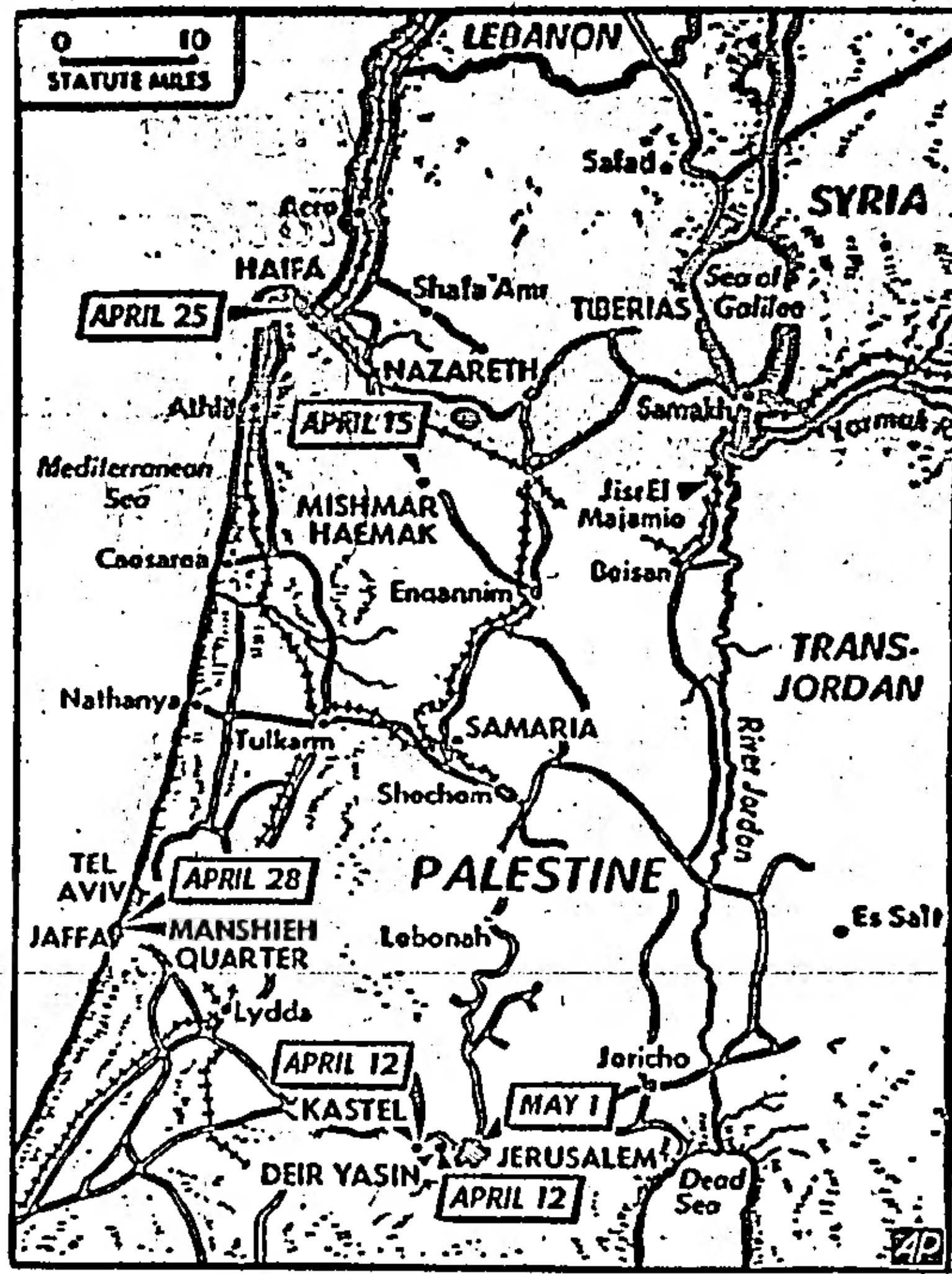
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Outsider: Fleeta.



Three Jewish soldiers, one wearing a gas mask, and another holding his nose, remove an Arab corpse from the wreckage of a building in the Katamon district of Jerusalem during a 48-hour truce between Jews and Arabs for control of the district. The Jews have since swarmed into the Holy City and capture all the strategic points.—AP.

Where Jews Have Won Victories



Radio Correspondent Found Murdered

Salonika, May 16.—The bound body of George Polk, Columbia Broadcasting System correspondent, who disappeared a week ago after telling friends he hoped to interview Guerilla General Markos, was found floating near the beach at Salonika this morning.

Police said they are investigating the possibility that the American might have been killed trying to "make contact with Communist leaders" for a trip into the guerrilla-held mountains of Northern Greece.

The United States Consul General, Mr Raleigh Gibson, said Polk's hands and feet were loosely tied. Robbery apparently was not the motive since his wristwatch and pocketbook containing 300,000 Drachmae (about £8) were untouched.

MISSING A WEEK

Polk is the first American journalist to meet death here during the Greek civil war. Police said Polk was last seen a week ago when he left hotel.

A hunt first began for him on Wednesday when Polk's War Department correspondents identification card and Pan-American Airways calendar were received through the mail at Salonika Police headquarters.

The envelope was addressed in Greek and contained no letter of explanation. Lieut-Col Thomas Martin, head of the British Police Mission in Salonika, said the Greek police are searching for a motive. He said they are investigating the possibility

Death in Jerusalem

Russians Like Mr Wallace's Proposal

Moscow, May 16.—Soviet press commentators in a discussion of Soviet-American relations today welcomed a number of the proposals for a settlement made by Mr Henry Wallace, the United States third party candidate for the Presidency, in an open letter to Marshal Stalin last week.

While not agreeing with several of his assertions, they said his approach was "realistic and logical" and indicated a genuine desire to find ways of settling differences between the Soviet Union and the United States. Mr Wallace, in his letter to Marshal Stalin, published on Tuesday, said the whole world had been heartened by the recent exchange of notes between General Walter Bedell Smith, the United States Ambassador to Moscow, and M. Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister.

APPROVAL

The commentators approved Mr Wallace's proposals for a general limitation of arms, the prohibition of the means of mass destruction, the prohibition of the export of arms, the prohibition of non-interference in the internal affairs of other countries, the withdrawal of foreign troops from Korea and non-interference in the internal affairs of China, increased trade (except in armaments) and the cultural development of cultural relations.

They also approved Mr Wallace's proposals for the establishment of a reinvigorated UNRRA or some other United Nations agency for the distribution of international relief.

Pravda, the Soviet Communist Party paper, quoted Marshal Stalin's recent statement: "Of course, the Soviet Union and the United States could collaborate with each other."

"If the two systems could collaborate during the war, why should they not collaborate in peacetime?"

PRAVDA'S COMMENT

In a lengthy examination of Mr Wallace's letter, Pravda said: "The peace-loving statements sometimes made by representatives of the American Government alternate, as a rule, with deliberate pessimism in estimating the international situation. This war psychosis, alarm and concern are plain in the minds of millions of people in America and the international situation thereby becomes more tense."

"In whose interests? Not, of course, in the interests of the American people, who, like other peoples, are vitally interested in peace."

"Mr Wallace proposes something else. He appeals to America to return to the policy of President Roosevelt—and therein lies the strength of his position."

"For experience has shown—and that, in Roosevelt's time, the differences between the powers of the anti-Hitlerite coalition were successfully solved.—Reuter.

EDITORIAL

The "Key Money" Ramp

THE Telegraph's successful exposure of "key money" house agents, which led last week to the conviction in court of four people who shared in one of these illegal transactions, calls for renewed efforts on the part of the police to stamp out these drones. This was no isolated incident, and the authorities have only to refer to the Telegraph's original story to appreciate there are a dozen such operators who need to be rounded up and brought to court. As we observed at the time, if a newspaper acting independently can make contact with these house agents, surely the police, with their manifold resources can do likewise. Last Friday's case proved there is in existence a so-called house agents who, working in collaboration with property owners and principal tenants, are prepared to racketeer accommodation seekers for thousands of dollars in "key money" and brokerage fees. They are pests and parasites deserving the closest attention of police and all the effective action of the law can bring to bear against them. One fact of special moment emerged from last week's court case: it was disclosed that certain premises had been allowed to remain vacant for several months while the "house agents" endeavored to find a tenant willing to pay \$7,000 "key money" and \$700 brokerage fees. It can be presumed there are hundreds of similarly vacant flats and other living quarters in the Colony—a scandalous state of affairs in these days of acute housing shortage. Can nothing be done by the authorities to correct this? It should be made impossible for any property

owner or principal tenant to leave accommodation vacant for months at a time while so many people are looking for living quarters. There should be a record of all private property ownership, tenancy of which should be checked at regular intervals. Government too, might enact the aid and general public by requesting reports to be made where property is found to be unoccupied. Some time ago we advocated that when house and flats became de-regulated, Government's quarantining authority should first be satisfied as to how the property was going to be used when handed back to the owner. So many houses and flats have reverted to Chinese ownership only to provide a profitable medium for "key money" in some form or another. When property is de-regulated, Government should have on record the rent which the owner intends to charge, and, when he lets the premises, the names of the tenants. This would enable the authorities to act quickly against the owner or any principal tenant if it were found that excess rent was being charged, or "key money" demanded. Government is apparently satisfied that having declared "key money" excessive rents and surcharges for furniture illegal it has done everything possible to protect the public. But outlawing a racket is no deterrent: there must be complementary action that will not only make the racket a difficult undertaking, but will put the authorities in the position of being able to apprehend those who indulge in it. Registration of property owners and tenants is one way of achieving this end.

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TRAIN DISASTER DEATH ROLL

Calcutta, May 16.—The death toll in yesterday's Calcutta-Dehradun train disaster rose to 30 today when 13 more bodies were recovered from the wreckage and two of the 10 seriously injured died in hospital. The train was derailed nine miles from Dhanbad, an important coal mining centre in Bihar.—Reuter.

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WOMANSENSE

Girl's Voice From Paris Comes Winter . . . Heard thr' IN SUMMER COATS by Patricia Lennard

By NORINE CLARK

New York.—One of these days pilots who land and take off at LaGuardia Airport are going to get a jolt when they ask the control tower for clearance.

Instead of the unusual man's voice coming over the radio into the cockpit, pilots will hear the pleasant but firm voice of an attractive brunette. The newest addition to the staff of 34 control tower operators at LaGuardia tower is a girl. She is 25-year-old Maxine "Max" Miller, the first girl to be assigned to LaGuardia tower since the Civil Aeronautics Administration took over control in October of 1946.

It is no small honor to be the only girl assistant controller in the tower of the world's busiest airport. Studying Up

That is the job Maxine hopes to have as soon as she finishes what is known as the familiarization period. Right now her job is to take a careful note of all messages to the airport and she is learning all she has to know about the metropolitan area.

When she passes her final rating, she will have as much right as the male assistant controllers to stand in the plane control tower and say into a microphone: "T-W-A cleared to runway 22." "Colonial cleared to land."

Recently Maxine, as Max as the boys in the tower call her, was transferred from the C-A-A tower in Pittsburgh.

She says, "I have always wanted LaGuardia, but didn't think I had a chance. So I asked for Newark or Westchester. I was really surprised when I was offered LaGuardia."

Likes Her Work

Aside from the fact that the Canton, Ohio girl likes New York, she also likes to keep busy and she is determined to make the most of her job. She says she will, "I have to spend 24 hours a day here."

Maxine's love of aviation dates back to her first airplane ride when she was six years old. She decided, then she would have a pilot's licence by the time she was 21, and she did. She got it at McKinley airport in Canton.

That was during the war and soon after she was accepted by the W-A-S-P-S, the women's auxiliary group which ferried planes from factories to air fields. The day she was to leave home, she received a telegram telling her not to—the W-A-S-P-S had been disbanded.

Trained in Navy

That was in July, 1944. So she joined the W-A-S-P-S, hoping she would be assigned to tower work. After the routing train period at the Navy control tower school in Atlanta, Maxine was made a second class petty officer, specialist in control tower. She was assigned to Quonset Point, Rhode Island, where she worked for 17 months.

While there, Maxine handled an emergency so capably—with the help of a dispatch girl and an operations officer—that the three of them received a presidential commendation.

As for romance, right now Maxine is wedded to her job. She says she's not sure she will marry.

Besides, she has just broken an engagement. She gave the ring back the day she found out she was to be transferred to LaGuardia tower.

She says, "I just couldn't see getting married in June when I had an opportunity like LaGuardia."

B. I. F.

Fashion Shoes

An interesting new type of woman's shoe was seen at the British Industrial Fair, which was held from May 3 to 14 in London and Birmingham. It was on view at the Earls Court, London, section of the fair. Made by Newbold & Burton Limited, of Premier Works, Silsby, Loughborough, England, it is claimed that this shoe is technically sounder than the normal platform shoe, and in appearance more attractive. Its platform is made from rubberised cork; repairs can be made as easily and cheaply as on normal makes without disturbing the platform, which insulates the foot from heat and cold; and the double-sealed welt gives effective protection from wet and damp.



HAVE you coupons, cash and a fur coat? If not, they can be adapted to suit your pocket and purpose. For the newest-of-all summer coats are in dress-weight materials like natural linen, poplin or taffeta, and they go to odd lengths, never reaching the hem of your frock.

Paradoxical summer coat, for example, is the fur-trimmed lined box coat (left), flying out at the back in natural linen with a high, fly-away collar.

Figure Flattery



Daytime dress of beige crepe.

By VERA WINSTON

SOFTENING DETAILS: cleverly placed are used by designers for dresses that flatter the less-than-perfect figure. Beige moss crepe is used for a pretty daytime dress on this order. There is nice detail at the neck in the one-sided draping. The cascading drape on the skirt is caught up at one side, topped by a self bow. A balancing bow is perched at the opposite shoulder.

Household Hint

It is a dangerous custom to keep flammable liquids in the home. However, if they must be used, store them in a galvanised steel oil or gas can or other metal container. Never use glass bottles. If they are dropped and broken, the contents may be ignited by just one little spark from a cigarette or match.

RED RYDER

If Red Only Knew

By Fred Harman



Pointers on Perfume



Screen star Dona Drake applies perfume with an atomizer for economy's sake.

By HELEN FOLLETT

IN pre-war days the astute individuals of the perfume industry used to tell us quite solemnly that we should use different perfumes for different coloured frocks, different moods, different occasions. A pretty idea. They worked it all out for us, but how could we remember? Also, only an heiress could afford a large array of scented odors. Prices have soared since then, and the average woman has to keep a weather eye on the beauty budget.

We have to be practical these days. We know that one favourite scent, that we like, banks up on itself, impregnates the entire wardrobe, becomes a part of one's individuality. To find that satisfying aroma is sometimes a problem.

Small Vial

Get a small vial. What may appeal to you at first may not be to your liking after you have lived with it a few weeks. Endeavour to find a perfume that is delicate, in-

triguing, that doesn't smack people the nose and cause them to sniff at you. Strong scents are vulgar; they are offensive.

Practice conservation. Get an atomizer; it is a wonderful money saver. Spray your neck and chest before getting into your grand loge.

Cool Place

Keep perfume in a cool place, away from the light, so that the bottle is closely stoppered. Otherwise, evaporation will take place.

Nearly always one can get sachets of the same bouquets or blends as the perfume. They are a good investment. Some of them come in lovely satin envelopes, prettily decorated. Place them in your handkerchief, glove and hat boxes. Tuck little ones in your coat pockets.

Tollit waters are less expensive. You can use them lavishly. And eau de cologne is a grand old stand-

BOYS AND GIRLS MAGAZINE

Everything Had Complaints

—And They All Told Them To Christopher Cricket—

By MAX TRELL

"Hello, Knarf!" said Christopher Cricket.

"Hello, Christopher!" returned Knarf, the shadow with the turned-around name. "What have you been doing all day?"

"I've been walking through the house where the children live, listening to complaints."

"Listening to complaints?" said Knarf in surprise. "Who is complaining in the children's house?"

Door Complaining

"Lots of things," said Christopher Cricket. "The door is complaining because it is always being slammed. I had a long talk with Door. It isn't happy."

"Oh," said Knarf. "I didn't know a door could talk."

"It can talk to me," said Christopher. "It said that being slammed wasn't the only thing it had to complain about. It said it was always being rapped on by people's knuckles. All day long, it said, it was pushed and pulled, open and shut. It never got any rest at all. And the chairs in the children's house were complaining to me, too."

"What were the chairs complaining about, Christopher?"

It Wasn't Fair

"They were complaining that everyone came and sat on them. But they had to keep standing. They said it wasn't fair."

Knarf said he had never thought of that before. But the chairs were right. They stood while others sat.

"And the bed, too," added Christopher Cricket. "It stays up while others sleep. And the clock was complaining because it always had to,



"The chairs were all complaining," said Christopher Cricket.

Keep going and yet it always stayed in the same place. The window complained that people were always looking right through it. And the carpet complained that it was always being stepped on. And the water complained that it was always too hot or too cold. And—"

Knarf Looks So Worried

Then Christopher Cricket stopped and chuckled because Knarf looked so worried.

"Not everything complained, though," said Christopher.

"No?" said Knarf, suddenly feeling cheerful again.

"No, indeed! The broom was happy because it kept the whole house so clean. The shoes and the clothes were all happy because they went out when the children did. The books were happy because they were always being read. The pen and the pencils were happy because they could write. And the happiest one of all was the mirror, because whenever anyone looked in it, it always looked right back!"

Make Your Own Compact Desk

By JAY W. WORTHINGTON

Does your room have room for a desk? Bed, chair, and storage units often jam a teen-ager's undersize "extra" room to the point where visiting friends must sit on the radiator.

You can make a "disappearing" desk by borrowing an idea used on ships, where cabins are tiny. You can, that is, if you get permission to put screws or nails into your walls—and if you can and are willing to do a bit of carpentry.

The idea is to hinge the desk, or writing surface, to a wall. A single "leg" or support, also hinged to the wall, supports your desk-top. Top and support swing free so that both hang flat against the wall when not in use. The only materials you need are three or four sturdy metal hinges, with fitting screws, and a wood packing case for top and props.

Easier to make is the hinged type of desk that drops down (instead of being pulled up). It is supported by wires at both ends, which are screwed to the wall. But this type is less stable, and the wires always seem to get in your way.

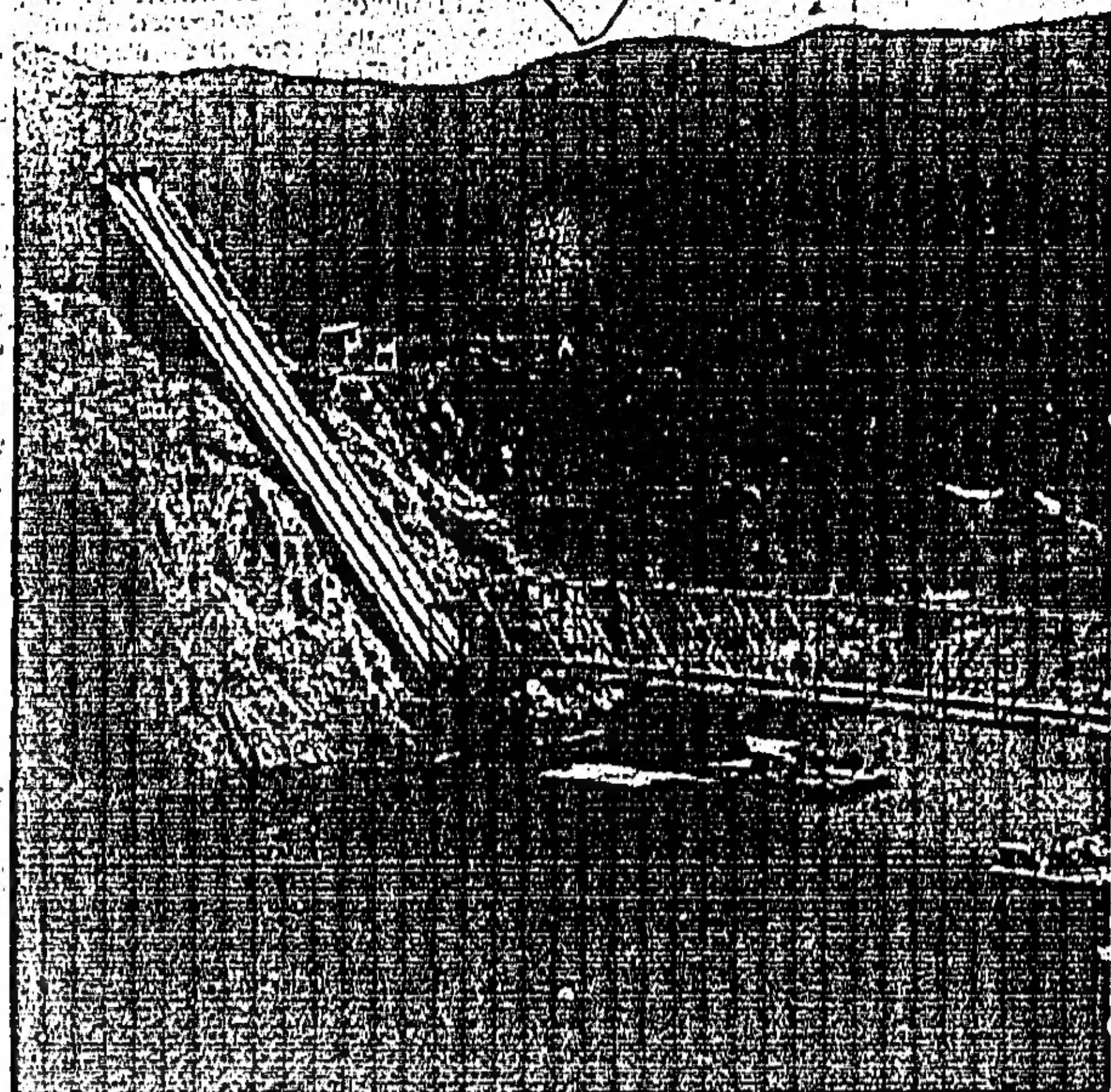
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Rupert helps Dr. Lion—39



"Still feeling very puzzled Rupert puts on the dark glasses and follows the other two back into the mountain by another way. The light gets brighter as they enter a room surrounded by shafts and tubes and buzzing machinery. William touches a large wheel. "This is how we control that huge magnetising glass that you saw, so that we can keep it pointing in the sun and catching as much sunshine as possible," he says. "Yes, but what do you do with the sunshine when you've caught it?" asks Rupert. "ALL RIGHT!"

WORLD NEWS IN PICTURES



TORPEDO TESTING—The general view at left shows the U.S. Navy's 300-foot torpedo launching slide and pier for testing new techniques at Pasadena, California, where torpedoes are shot at high speeds obtained by air compression rather than by explosives at Morris Dam. At right, scientists and workmen load a torpedo from a crane into the launching tube.



BLOSSOM TIME—A cool miss is actress Suzanne Casey, lounging amid snowflakes and ice plant in a bathing suit during Hollywood's Flower Show. The snowflakes are actually ices.



INTRODUCTION TO BASEBALL—General Claire Chennault and his Chinese wife seen by the cameraman at a big league baseball game in Washington. The famous leader of the Flying Tigers and spouse have now returned to Shanghai.



ARTISTS' LIFE ON THE TROBRIANDS—Sitting in the sun before their thatched huts, about what goes on in the rest of the world, the wood carvers of Bwoytalu village, in the Trobriand Archipelago, ply their trade. These craftsmen lend great imagination to the art of making wooden platters, hunting and fishing spears, staffs, ballers, bowls and tablets.



JUST A GUD—But a team of demolition experts at Earle, New Jersey, treated this depth charge with the proper respect until they were sure. The depth charge was discovered off Staten Island, New York.

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The company of Cain

By B. E. MILES

IN the carpenter's shop there were 25 men; 20 were relieved murderers, serving life sentences. Twenty men who had killed; experienced the agony of the hunt; the macabre ritual of the murder trial; faced the judge in his black cap; lived the wretched life of the condemned cell, and approached appointment with the hangman; and then—under the shadow of the gallows—been relieved.

When I joined them they were engaged on the interior woodwork for a new chapel. The benches up and down the shop were laden with great roof principals, pillars, pews, and pieces of pulpit.

The floor was deep with sweet-smelling shavings of pine and oak.

And 20 murderers were deeply engrossed in creating a new place of worship, to be used by succeeding murderers for generations to come.

For three years I worked with them and studied them.

When I first met them it was with a feeling of awe, thinking of them as men who were different from their fellows. I could not forget the background.

THE 'ARISTOCRATS'

I could not suppress a sudden start when I realised that the benign old man with the white hair, so intent on setting his gauge, was the once notorious X of the W murder; or that the fresh-faced youth, so skilfully carving an altar piece, was actually Y, who had . . .

But as time went past I became accustomed to all this. I forgot the background. I became able to consider these men without bias.

And gradually I realised some interesting facts about reprobated murderers serving life sentences.

In the first place, they differed from other criminals in that they were not a type. They did not have some feature, or features, common to all of them, or even to several of them.

Street corner boys, violent robbers, confidence tricksters and sexual perverts are apt to run to type. They have certain characteristics in common.

Their eyes, their ideas, the books they read, their reaction to authority, and their talk—above all, their talk—link them together.

The trickster will be tricky in little things as well as big. But it is not so with the murderer.

They are as diverse as the chance travellers in a bus, and I would dare to add—as happy.

They regard themselves, and with some justification, as the aristocracy of the prison.

TALK NORMALLY

Generally speaking, they are not men who have cunningly and deliberately followed some tortuous criminal path.

They have not swindled and robbed and cheated; and, for the most part they would not do so.

And whereas the conversation of the forger and the burglar is all of the latest practices in the arts of modern forgery and burglary the conversation of the reprobated murderer is that of reasonably normal men; looking forward, rather timidly, to some decent future.

Quite often they are ordinary little men who have been exposed to some great temptation, or caught in the torrent of some violent passion.

You would never become a seven-day drunk; you have not the skill to make a forger; or the courage to make a burglar; but can you say, given certain circumstances, that it is not just possible that you could become a murderer?

It is, in fact, nothing of the kind; rather the reverse. It is well argued that a reformed drunkard makes a case for the abolition of the licensing laws.

The whole point is that these men are not only murderers; they are murderers who have been reprobated; which means that, after microscopic examination of something about each case, has been found which justifies reprobation.

DREAD SENTENCE

As an argument for judicial reprobation, and for the efficiency of its application, it is unanswerable; as an argument for some sort of degrees being introduced to the murder charge it may be powerful; but as an argument for the abolition of the death sentence itself—it is negligible.

There is not, and never should be, one real gunman among these men, or one calculating poisoner. They are not of the breed of men who have made violence their creed, and who mean to shoot their way out of any corner.

They are men who, in certain circumstances, have committed murder; not men who will commit murder in any circumstances. In fact, they are an argument for the retention of the death sentence—it only as a deterrent.

For, after making some allowance for bravado, it was impossible to listen to these men without realising what a dread thing, in their lives the death sentence had been; and how immense, even years afterwards, was the relief of reprieve.

Many of them told me so—and they should know.

MISTER GINGER

This is how John Deane Potter wrote up Hongkong's U Tat-chee in the Daily Express. U is one of Hongkong's delegates to the British Industries Fair.



MR GINGER—a plumpish fifty-year-old Chinese called U Tat Chee—arrived in London recently. He is the head of the biggest ginger distributors in the world, and he hopes before he leaves Britain to conclude a deal which will give Britain's housewives enough ginger to last them for years. His first object is to sell us a "sample" of 250 tons.

"Mr. Ginger" in his well-cut suit, is a very different person from the pig-tailed sweetmeat hawk called Chi who, more than 100 years ago, stood on a street corner in Canton, just up the river from Hongkong. Chi used to experiment in his paper-windowed house—with a sweet root which grew in the fields of his province.

One day an Englishman bought some of his roots and liked them. He sent cases of Chi's preserved ginger back to his friends in Britain. Someone gave a jar of it to Queen Victoria, who liked it so much she gave an order that no banquet were to be prepared where preserved ginger was not served as a dessert.

When this happened the future of pig-tailed Chi was assured. He opened a factory and took the name of Prosperous Chi. Now there are 11 factories in Hongkong making preserved ginger.

Mandarin of the manufacturers is U Tat Chee, but he has his troubles. Britain has always been the biggest market for preserved ginger; now the trade is only a third of what it was before the war. Also it costs 12s. 6d. for a half-pound jar, instead of the pre-war 5s. 6d. for two and a half pounds.

Mr. Ginger: "Hongkong has a monopoly of ginger preserving because only the roots grown from the neighbouring districts are suitable. Other ginger is hard and hot and unsuitable for Western markets."

He has prepared for his visit in the best tradition of his pig-tailed predecessor by sending 12 jars of ginger to the Queen.



SHOULD CAPITAL PUNISHMENT BE ABOLISHED?

All the spending a week in Rome to take wooing a sounding after the voting frenzy has left Italy dangerously cocky

THE first lock-out notice in Italy since 1922 went up ten days after the great election victory of Alcide de Gasperi's Christian Democrat party over the Communist-Socialist Popular Front.

The notice was put up on the boards and gates of the great Falk metal works at Sesto, San Giovanni, near Milan.

Now from a purely business point of view this lock-out is without doubt amply justified. For the previous three weeks the transport workers of the Falk concern in Sesto, San Giovanni, had been on strike, and rejecting all arbitration proposals. Trucks had been piling up in the sidings, while the workers refused to load or unload them.

The firm had been paying out millions of lire for the delay. And the stoppage of supplies meant that hundreds of hands in the factory were idle while receiving full pay.

Sounds Logical

"We cannot afford this," said the management, "we must close the works until a settlement is reached." All of which sounds quite logical. But I wonder whether it is politic?

For the fact that this lock-out is the first since 1922, and that it follows so closely on the defeat of the Popular Front, gives it all the appearance of being a showdown. And, what is more, a showdown forced on de Gasperi by his triumphant Right-wing backers before he has had time to arrange his new Government, strike the balance between his Right and Left-wing supporters, or make clear what kind of an industrial and labour policy he intends to follow.

The situation has been made no easier by the workers. They are refusing to accept the lock-out, and

"There were no lock-outs under Mussolini's Fascist regime. Lock-outs—like strikes—were illegal. Nor did the Allied Military Government permit them. And there was none under the Italian Governments that followed A.M.G.—not until now."

SEFTON DELMER'S NEWSMAP

say that they will occupy the work-shops. The police announce that force will be used, if necessary against trespassers.

And the Communists are rubbing their hands. They may yet keep control of the trades unions if the other side's extremists, exulting above themselves in their unexpectedly complete victory, set about frightening the workers back into Communist allegiance.

And believe me, for the moment they are above themselves.

I stopped off in Rome on my way back from Athens to take Italy's post-election temperature and find out what I could on how things are going to develop there now.

I found it feverish. The attention Italy had been getting from West and East seemed to have gone to its head.

The Italians I talked with—duchesses, journalists, anti-Communists, Socialists, industrialists, all with one exception—and he was a Communist high-up—spoke of the election victory not as a mere election victory. It was a great battle which Italy, fighting single-handed with the greatest self-sacrifice and the most heroic daring, had won against insuperable odds on behalf of the rest of the world.

Each political group extolled its own contribution and expected political concessions in accordance. There was little readiness to give and take.

Their Tactics

THE Communists are delighted. They are hoping to play off the conflicting currents among the Government supporters against each other, not in the Chamber, where de Gasperi's party has an absolute majority, but in the Senate, where it has not.

They count on offsetting the challenge of the Saragat secessionists and their own waning popularity in the unions—recent elections in the textile workers and railway workers' unions showed a diminishing Communist vote—by exploiting the Government's handling of labour in the big lay-off that is coming.

Italian industry since the war has been deliberately over-staffed with workers to prevent unemployment. Now it is expected that the Government will authorise employers to dismiss these supernumeraries.

among them no doubt many Communist agitators. And however skilfully they handle this problem, the Communists argue, the Government are bound to come in conflict with organised labour as a consequence.

I agree. That is why de Gasperi cannot afford to have his Socialist allies attacked in the arrogance of victory.

This victory intoxication is going to cause trouble for the Italian Government outside Italy as well. I shall be surprised if America and British don't find themselves up against it with a bump, and quite soon, too.

Mr. Ivor Thomas, M.P., in particular, has a surprise waiting for him. He should hasten to Rome before he makes any more speeches proposing that Italy be admitted to the Western Union "as a reward" for not allowing the Communists to win the election.

"Reward my foot," say the Italians. "Before we even so much as discuss joining the Western Union there must be a complete revision of the Peace Treaty. If we are to be allies, we must be allies on a basis of equality."

Rearmament

REVISION means rearmanent (logical enough if Italy is to be a bulwark against Soviet Russia and her allies), return by France of such "frontier restrictions" as the Evian and Tonde, and, above all, return of Italy's former colonies.

The fact that any Italian attempt to re-establish their administration in Libya will be fought by the Arabs, that it will cost millions of dollars to set up Italian settlers there after Arab resistance has been crushed—all this is of no account today. Italy, drunk with victory, now once more has a "civilising mission" in North Africa. And the highest Foreign Office officials are as chauvinistic as everyone else.

But I do not believe the Italians have any serious intention of joining the Western Union, even if they are given all the "revision" they ask.

They prefer not to join either bloc, but to go on being wooed and courted by both. Miss Italy does not want marriage.

She believes there are more presents and more treats to be got out of flirtation. And so I feel safe in predicting that when we start talking Western Union with her we shall hear a great deal about "Italy as a bridge between Europe and West," the usefulness of Europe of a "neutral Italy," and Italy's need of markets in the Danube Basin.

This, to be sure, has nothing to do with victory intoxication, but is just the sober traditional policy of Italy.

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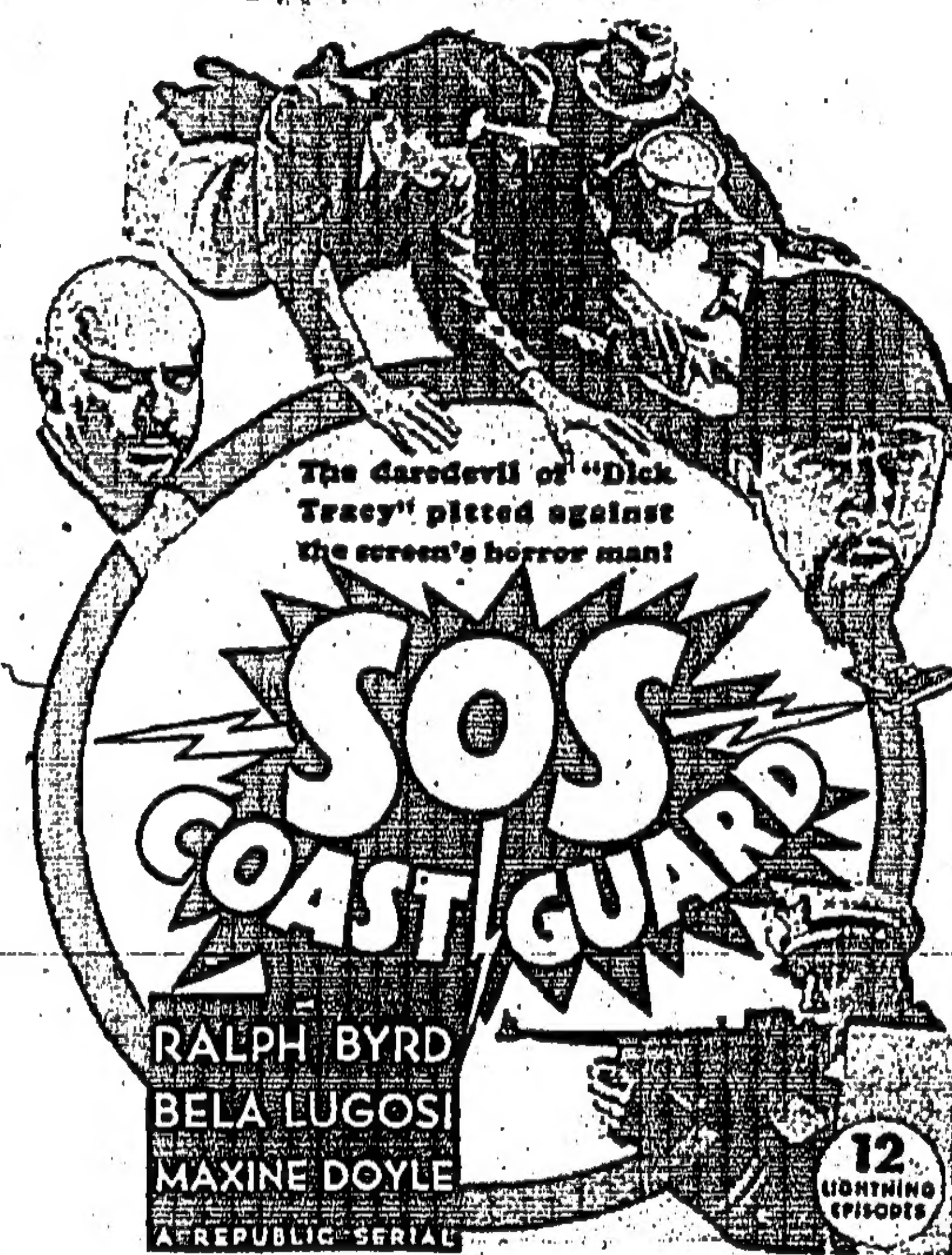
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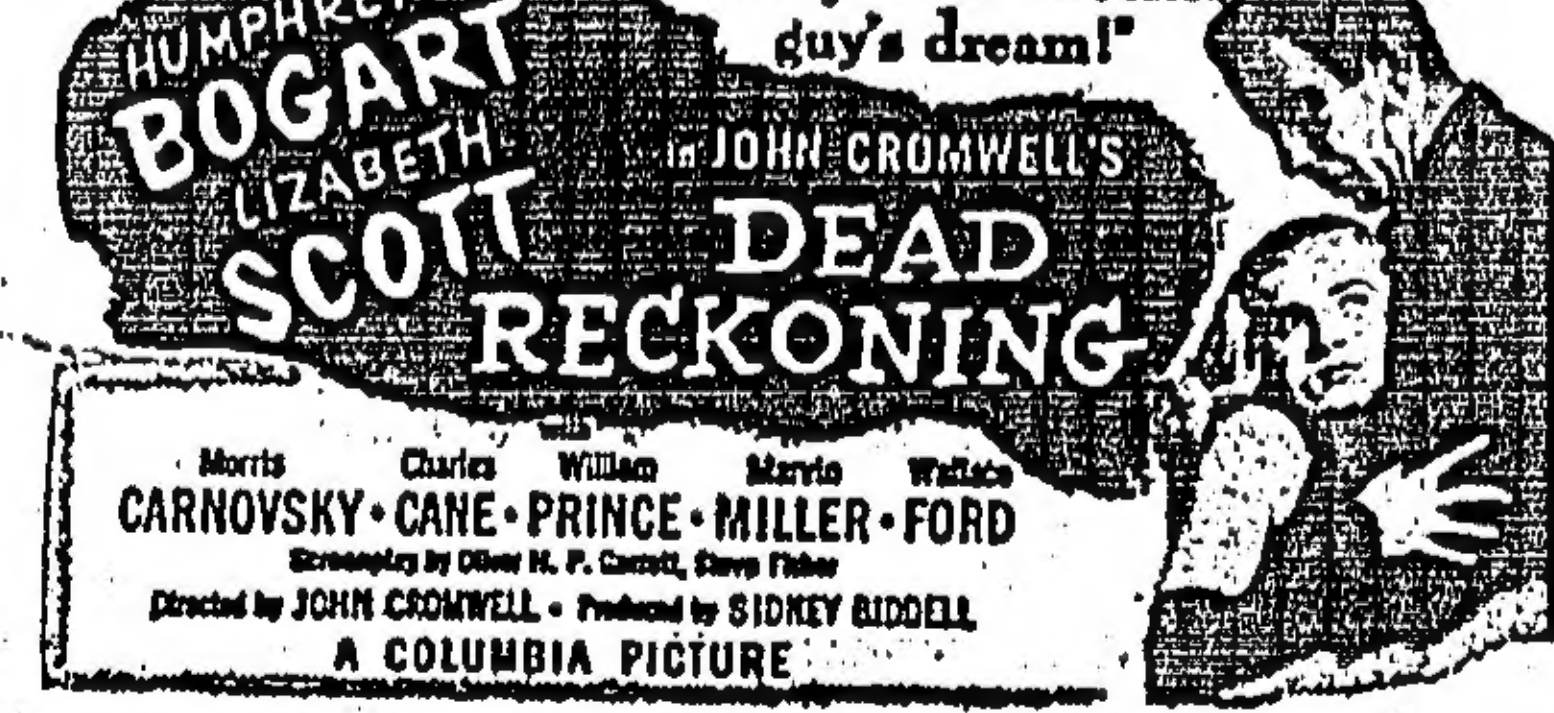
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NANCY Happy Little Chirp



By Ernie Bushmiller



When there's biff I needn't use my fist!

Sweden In 3rd Round Of Davis Cup

Hungary Leads France

Stockholm, May 16.—Sweden advanced to the third round of the European Davis cup zone by winning the doubles against Switzerland in straight sets. King Gustaf, who returned from the Riviera on Saturday, attended the game.

Lennart Bergelin and Torsten Johansson, who each won their singles on Saturday, defeated Max Albrecht and Hans Hunder 6-1, 6-1 and 6-3. Associated Press.

Paris, May 16.—Hungary's Joseph Asboth and Anton Stolpa beat the French Bernard Destremau and Marcel Bernard, 6-3, 6-3, 6-4, 2-6 and 6-2 in the second round of the Davis Cup doubles match today.

Thus Hungary is leading France by 2 matches to one.—United Press.

BRAZIL ELIMINATED

Prague, May 16.—Czechoslovakia eliminated Brazil from the Davis Cup today, when Ferdinand Vrbna beat Brazil's Ernest Peterson, 7-9, 6-3, 6-4 and 6-1 in the first of today's reversed singles matches.

Under a hot sun, with a capacity crowd of 6,000 in the Saint Vancice stadium, Peterson wore himself out taking the long first set.

Both players started erratically but by the middle of the first set they had settled down to a careful game with long rallies from the baselines.

With Peterson tired, Vrbna started rushing to the net occasionally in the second set to take points with fast well-placed shots. In the third set he retired again to baseline duelling.

Czechoslovak Jaroslav Drobny beat Brazil's Manoel Fernandez in the final singles match when the Brazilian retired in the second set owing to illness.

Thus Czechoslovakia won the tie by four matches to one.

The Brazilian team manager, Alvaro Osorio took Fernandez out of the game after Drobny won the first set 6-0 and led 5-1 in the second set. Officials said that Fernandez was running a temperature this morning.—United Press.

LEAD REDUCED

Brussels, May 16.—Argentina reduced Belgium's lead in the second round of the Davis Cup today when Enrique Maza and Alejo Russell beat Belgium's Philip Washer and Jacques Peten, 8-10, 6-3, 6-2 and 8-6.

Belgium now leads two matches to one.

The first set provided some of the most thrilling tennis seen in Brussels for a long time, both sides engaging in electric volleying duels with Russell and Washer, the outstanding men on the court.

After losing the first set, the Argentinians tied down to fine legwork. The match produced brilliant play on both sides of the net, but the Argentinians demonstrated their superiority with beautifully placed lobs and brilliant smashes.

The Belgians took a 2-0 lead in the fourth set but Russell and Maza levelled. Then followed a great duel in which the Argentinians more accurately placed brought them victory.

IN HIS FAREWELL SEASON

Bradman Still Tops The Drawing Card List

Donald G. Bradman has announced that the fifth and last Test Match against the Indians would be his farewell first-class cricket appearance in a game in Australia.

The Don, after 20 years as a cricket's headliner, would still be the first man picked in a world eleven, and he is retiring with a string of records that may never be equalled.

Through his genius, Bradman has raised Australia to the pinnacle of undisputed world champions. His flashing bat has conquered the cream of the bowling talent of all countries and built the foundation for huge scores which plus his leadership, makes him the facile princeps in the cricketing world.

At the announcement of his retirement, deep concern was expressed from all English-speaking countries, and the Marylebone Cricket Club—controllers of cricket in England—expressed gratification that Bradman would accompany the Australians for another world's championship series in England.

GREATEST IN HISTORY

He is one of the greatest drawing cards in the history of the game, and "Bradman's In" is sufficient to double the gate anywhere in Australia.

Australian Batting Averages

	Innings	Not out	Runs	Highest Score	Average
K. R. Miller	4	2	288	202	144.50
D. G. Bradman	3	-	324	146	111.33
S. Barnes	3	-	293	176	99.33
W. A. Brown	5	-	266	200	53.20
A. Morris	5	-	249	130	49.80
A. L. Hassel	5	1	218	110	44.50
Ian Johnson	3	1	64	46	32.00
R. A. Hamence	4	1	112	50	28.00
D. Tallon	5	1	61	18	15.00
R. N. Harvey	5	1	36	32	12.00
R. Lindwall	3	1	23	12	11.50
W. A. Johnston	3	1	23	12	11.50
E. Toshack	1	-	8	8	8.00
R. A. Siggers	1	-	6	6	6.00
S. J. Loxton	3	-	8	6	2.66
C. McCool	3	-	2	2	2.00
D. Ring	1	-	2	2	2.00

* Not out. Scores in the game started against Essex on Saturday are not included.

SPILLS AND THRILLS



It takes thrills to keep the crowds at six-day bike races satisfied, and thrills men spill occasionally. Here track officials crowd around dazed Francis Grauss of the French team at New York. Rider in the background pays no attention.

Epsom Derby Betting Market Thrown Wide Open

London, May 16.—The Epsom Derby betting market, which was so serene with the Maharajah Gaekwar of Baroda's My Babu a firm favourite, has been thrown wide open by events during the last 10 days.

First came the surprising defeat of Jock Scot at Chester. This was followed by the biggest "care" hitherto concerning the welfare of the favourite and then came the unexpected defeat of Black Tarquin, Straight Play, and Roaring Forties by a horse not engaged in the Derby, Riding Mill.

The biggest market upset was caused by the news that My Babu, the Two Thousand Guineas' winner and Derby favourite, had a "day off" from strong work last weekend and rumours were soon rife that the colt was lame.

The official explanation was that he had overreached himself in winning the Guineas and he had been given an antiseptic injection as a precaution. As the case with anyone so injected, a rest was necessary until the soreness disappeared.

However, the colt has been unable to do strenuous work since the Guineas and with the Derby only three weeks away—June 5—layers are inclined to think that the lack of fast gallops at such a late stage of his preparation may affect his Derby chances.

ODDS EXTENDED

Consequently, the odds about this son of Djebel have been extended to three to one. At the official callover last Monday, he was on offer at nine to four.

A factor in My Babu's favour is that he is not a big colt and does not need a lot of hard work.

Sam Armstrong, his trainer, is confident that he will be at his fittest for the Epsom. He has been giving the colt walking exercise and hopes to resume his strong Derby preparation at the weekend.

The defeat of Mr William Woodward's American-bred Black Tarquin, one of last season's best juveniles in the Newmarket Stakes, caused his Derby price to drift from 10 to one, at which he was third favourite, to 20 to one.

Running over a mile and a quarter, Black Tarquin failed to respond when asked for a finishing challenge, and was beaten by Sir Percy Loraine's Riding Mill, which was turned out in excellent mottle by Harry Wragg, his trainer.

It must be said in favour of Black Tarquin, son of the Eclipse Stakes winner, Rhodes Scholar, that he has been unable to work properly because of the firm going. It was his first appearance of the season and probably he would not have run but for his trainer being anxious to give him an outing in view of the proximity of the Derby.

Trainer Captain Boyd Rochford was unable to account for Black Tarquin's display, but said the colt was at his best and he was out training again the next day. His trainer has left plenty of room for improvement, and now that heavy rains have eased, the going somewhat, Black Tarquin will contest the Derby trial stakes at Lingfield on May 20 in which race he will meet The Cobbler.—Reuter.

AGA KHAN BUYS HALF SHARE

Paris, May 16.—The Aga Khan has purchased a half share in M. Leon Volterra's My Love, a French challenger for the Epsom Derby in which race the horse will carry the colours of his famous new part owner.

AUTO RACER KILLED

Indianapolis, May 16.—The veteran auto racing driver, Ralph Hepburn, was killed when his car crashed into a wall during a practice run at the speedway today. Hepburn, driving a special car, had said he expected to pilot in the 500-mile speedway classic here on May 30.

Track officials said he was roaring out of the Northeast turn in the big oval at about 130 miles an hour when his car went into a spin. It crashed head-on into the inside retaining wall.

Hepburn was crushed in the cockpit.—United Press.

Critics Of The Olympic Games

From the United States, a chill air-current of disapproval is blowing on the Olympic Games which Britain is to conduct this year.

Latest critic is Stanley Frank, former New York Post sports columnist, in the influential magazine, Cosmopolitan.

Frank says bluntly that the Games have outlived their usefulness, if they ever had any.

In 394 A.D., Roman Emperor Theodosius banned the Games after 1170 years of competition because "everybody was thoroughly sick of the bickering and conniving and general ill-will they produced."

Frank says the modern Olympics are headed for the same fate, only this time it wouldn't take so long.

He makes this gloomy prediction:

"The well-fed young men and women representing the United States at London next August will be prime targets for abuse from the hungry Europeans, who, in the meantime, will divert a foot race among a dozen kids into an outrage to their national pride."

"The Olympian ideal of sportsmanship is another visionary theory, like goodwill among men, that simply does not work out in practice."

Frank declares that England has not the facilities or the food to accommodate 250,000 visitors, cites a London Evening Standard editorial, which suggested that invitations for the Games be "politely withdrawn."

FOOTBALL

England Wins At Turin By Four Clear Goals

Turin, May 16.—England retained her unbeaten soccer record against Italy in the Mussolini Stadium this afternoon, winning the game 4 to 0. But it was touch-and-go, and England, who had scored twice in each half, were by no means four goals the better team.

The order of scoring was Mortensen (3rd minute), Lawton (23rd minute), Finney (72 minute), and Finney (74 minute).

About 85,000 enthusiasts who had come from all parts of Italy and paid fantastic prices for their seats sat in the gruelling late afternoon sun to watch for three-quarters of the game a really fine exhibition of football.

England were better together as a side, but Italy were quick on the ball and their forwards were exceedingly dangerous. They finished poorly, however, and shot wildly when presented with good scoring chances.

They also had many good shots saved by Frank Swift, England's goalkeeper and captain, who was in brilliant form.

Italy had a goal disallowed for a pressing hand. In the second half, doubtful offside in the 15th minute, at a critical interval when they were too, when it was still anyone's game, Gabetto, the Italian centre forward, struck the underneath of the cross bar and the ball bounced dangerously near the goal-line.

Swift and Mortensen were outstanding in England's team. Lawton was well held by Parola, the Italian centre half, and had a bad match, while Matthews, Finney and Mannion have all played better. Wright was the pick of the halfbacks.

Parola was the pick of the Italian defenders, while Mazzola, the captain, was outstanding in the attack.

FIRST GOAL

After Cockburn had shot over from just outside the penalty area, England went ahead after only three minutes.

Taking a pass from Matthews, Mortensen scored a clear goal with a shot from a very acute angle. At the other end, Loin shot poorly, which he was left with a chance to equalise.

The Italians were very quick on the ball, but their shooting was wild and their finish in general poor.

When Lawton and Parola met in a tackle and Lawton fell, the two players shook hands.

Within three minutes Italy had the ball in the net twice, but no score was allowed, since both Italian players were offside when they netted. The Italian's took the referee's decision very well. The English players had already stopped the play, waiting for the referee to blow for offside.

Only a few minutes later Ment tested Swift with a brilliant drive from a free kick, and in the 23rd minute the England goalkeeper must at a great save from Dabotto, just at a time when he was going away from him.

Just afterwards, Lawton got England's second goal when, lying unmarked, he took a pass from Mortensen and beat the Italian goalkeeper.

ALWAYS DANGEROUS

The Italians were always dangerous, even when two goals in arrears and England had a narrow escape when Scott kicked the ball off the goal-line with Swift beaten.

Swift made another one of his wonderful saves in the 40th minute, taking the ball off the tops of Carpellesse, when he seemed certain to score. Just before the interval he saved three point-blank shots, until Loin, making the third, shot wide.

England had two narrow escapes when in the second minute after half-time, Mazzola shot into Swift's hands from close range, and 12 minutes later Gabetto hit the cross bar, the ball bouncing down near the goal-line.

For the first time in the match it was clear that England would win when they got two goals in two minutes to lead by 4 to 0.

After half an hour, Mannion worked his way through the Italian defence and passed to Finney, who scored with a hard drive from close range. Two minutes later, Finney again scored, this time from Mortensen's pass.

Play began to deteriorate with both sides tiring after a hectic battle in the gruelling heat.

THE TEAMS

The teams were: Italy: Boicidalupo; Elfan and Ballarin; Annarazzi; Parola and Grezar; Monti, Loin, Dabotto, Mazzola (captain), and Carpellesse. England: Swift (captain), Scott and Howe; Wright, Franklin and Cockburn; Matthews, Mortensen, Lawton, Mannion, and Finney.

RANGERS' TOUR

Istanbul, May 16.—Unleashing their full power in the second period, Britain's Queen's Park Rangers defeated Istanbul's Galatasaray 1-0 in an international soccer match today.—Associated Press.

Who Are The Kiwis?

New Zealand is rocking to its foundations, but this time it's not an earthquake.

Controversy is raging on whether copyright on the name "Kiwis" belongs to the Rugby Union or the Rugby League.

League side, which recently made a successful tour of England and France, and which will appear in Australia this season, used the Kiwi title.

Union supporters claim the name was stolen from them; that a Union side known as the Kiwis made a highly successful tour of England after the war.

League, Kearney plumps for the League.

He says N.Z. League teams have been known as Kiwis since 1913. In Sydney that year he refereed a match between the original League Kiwis and New South Wales.

I can't see why the Union men are worrying. In Australia, at least, they'll never get anything but "All Blacks" from our football followers. Jim Vane, in the Courier-Mail, Brisbane.

MOTOR-CYCLING

British Do Well At Geneva

Geneva, May 16.—The British and Italian professional motor cyclists dominated the race competition at Geneva today against the Swiss, French, Belgian and Czechoslovakian drivers.

Arthur Bell, Britain, riding a Norton, took first place in the 350 cubic centimetre class with a time of one hour 24 minutes 23.8 seconds for fifty laps over a total distance of 140 kilometres.

Second was M. W. Whitworth, Britain, riding a Velocette, one hour 24 minutes 29 seconds.

Third, Harold Daniell, Britain, riding a Norton, one hour 25 minutes 40 seconds.

Fourth, Thomas Wood, also of Britain, riding a Velocette, one hour 24 minutes for 40 laps.

Francis Juhon, Czechoslovakia, who defeated Wood and other British riders at Schaffhausen, Switzerland, two weeks ago, was fifth. His time was one hour 24 minutes 55.2 seconds for forty-eight laps.

250 CC CLASS

In the 250 cubic centimetre class, 40 laps for a total distance of 116.8 kilometres, Dario Ambrosini, Italy, was first with a time of one hour 9 minutes 37 seconds. Ambrosini was riding a Benelli machine.

Thomas Wood of Britain, riding a Guzzi, was second with a time of one hour 10 minutes 24 seconds.

Claudio Mastellari, Italy, riding a Guzzi was third with a time of one hour 10 minutes 27 seconds.—Associated Press.



OLD ASSOCIATES MEET.—Babe Ruth sits behind wire setting at St. Petersburg, Fla., and talks with Joe McCarthy, former Yankees manager, now pilot of the Boston Red Sox.

FOR YOUR SPARE MOMENTS

SIDE GLANCES

By Galbraith



"They're giving billions to Europe to halt communism—I'll but they'd send you a tax refund if you wrote and told the government you're thinking about becoming a Communist yourself!"

EXCLUSIVE TELEGRAPH FEATURE

YOUR BIRTHDAY..... By STELLA

MONDAY, MAY 17

BORN today you have a great deal of intellectual energy, and for complete happiness your mind must be continually active. You are original and inventive, but you are rather slow to put your ideas into motion. You are meticulous about every detail and want to be sure you know exactly where you are going.

Others often become impatient with this deliberateness, but they will find that in the long run it pays off well. You never will be happy in a routine job; your best efforts should be directed toward getting off on your own. Only then will your true talents exert themselves fully.

You delight in the arts, especially in music and painting, and may have some latent talent in this regard which you do not even know you have in your earlier years.

You women have fine speaking voices as well, and probably will be tempted to try the stage, screen or radio as a career.

You are able to make friends easily with both sexes but your intimate circle of friends is most likely to include only those whose minds are as brilliant and scintillating as your own. You enjoy social life, but only when it has an objective, some worthy cause. You women make fine social leaders; benefits and charity balls are right down your special alley!

To find what the stars have in store for tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the corresponding paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

TUESDAY, MAY 18

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May 21)—Your health is very important now for you should have your full energy to make the desired progress.

GEMINI (May 22-June 22)—If you have a salary rise or a promotion coming to you, today can be a good time to ask for it.

CANCER (June 23-July 23)—New plans take the foreground in today's activities. Don't let your emotions get out of control. If travelling be careful.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—Not a good day for expansion. Keep to established tasks that are thoroughly reliable. Be patient and wait.

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 22)—Continue caution in matters of real importance and avoid unnecessary travel. Make your gains slowly.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23)—Impulsiveness can ruin the best well-made plans, so make sure that you are very deliberate in all decisions.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Disappointment may come through the actions of one of the opposite sex. Don't let emotions control your actions.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If you must travel, be especially cautious to avoid a careless accident. Be deliberate, rather than impulsive.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Guard your resources, both spiritual and material, and hold up acting on new plans until later on.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Things may not be what they appear on the surface, so be very cautious in everything you do.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Guard against losing self-backs and you will avoid the pitfalls confronting many others just now.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—If a plan depends upon the decisions of a superior you may find it feasible to make your demands now.

SCIENCE AT WORK:

CAMERA'S 100,000,000 PICTURES PER SECOND

By RONNIE TAYLOR

A CAMERA which can take pictures at a rate of 100,000,000 per second has been shown publicly for the first time by the U.S. Navy.

This camera will enable scientists to get accurate pictures of things that happen far too fast for the eye or for any photographic instrument heretofore developed.

It is so fast that it can almost "stop" a beam of light. Its shutter

is so speedy that a light ray, travelling at 186,000 miles a second, can move only two feet during the exposure.

Some day, its inventor, said, it may be used to photograph the head of a beam of light coming out of an electric bulb.

Inventor of the camera is Doctor A. M. Goren, of the U.S. Navy's laboratory research staff. The instrument consists mainly of two light polarising lenses similar to anti-glare glasses and a high voltage electrical circuit. The lenses, although crystal clear, can be set in such a way that light will not pass through them. But when two electric terminals in a glass tube are placed between the lenses and a high voltage charge is sent through the circuit, light can pass through as long as the electrical charge remains there.

Duration of Charge

By controlling the duration of the electric charge, an operator thus can govern the exposure time. Because it can be controlled electrically instead of mechanically, the interval can be cut down to a 100,000,000th of a second.

Since the film could not move through a camera fast enough to keep up with this speed, many cameras have to be used, one for each exposure. To photograph the whole period of a 1,000,000th of a second requires 100 such cameras, each focused on a particular part of a long film strip and set off in a sort of chain reaction.

This opens a new field of scientific investigation called precision microtiming. Scientists for the first time will be able to see accurately the life history of an electric spark lasting only a 1,000,000th of a second.—Associated Press.

OUTWARD MAILS

On Monday, May 17, the General Post Office and Kowloon Central Post Office will open from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. The other post offices will open from 8 a.m. to 10 a.m. There will be one delivery of registered and ordinary correspondence at 10 a.m. and one collection only from pillar boxes. The Money Order Office will be entirely closed.

Effective from May 1, books, magazines and all other mail matter under the classification of "Printed Matters" (unregistered) can now be accepted for Japan.

Until further notice only ordinary correspondence will be accepted for Palestine (by surface route only) and entirely at sender's risk. Registered and parcel service is suspended.

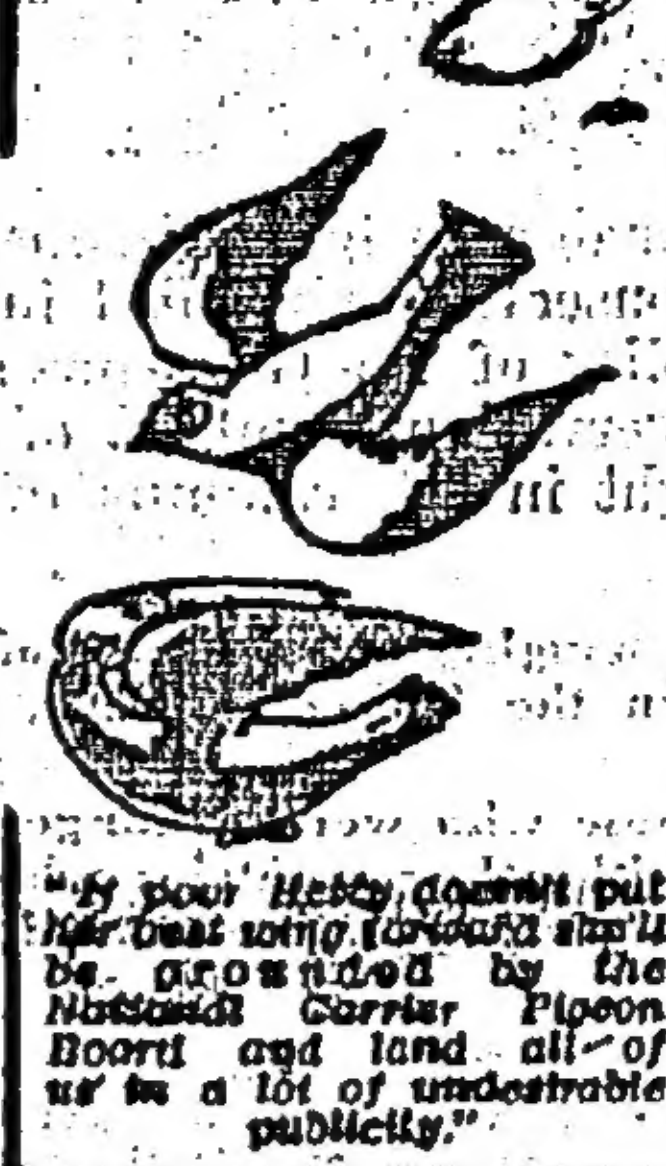
Unless otherwise stated, registered articles and parcels must be sent 30 minutes earlier than the ordinary mail. If mail closes before 10 a.m., registered and parcels will close at 5 p.m. on previous day.

MONDAY, MAY 17
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POCKET CARTOON

by ROBERT LANGASTER



BY THE WAY

by Beachcomber

QUEUES stretching for 18 miles (I think this must be a misprint for eight miles) awaited the opening of Foulness's exhibition of pictures. When the doors were flung back there was an orderly stampede by the art-starved public.

As soon as the first of the cognoscenti, accompanied by the illuminati, found themselves in the presence of the pictures, a hush of awe stifled the eager gazouille of the well-to-do. At the entrance to the first room stood Foulness, in morning coat and striped trousers, bowing a welcome. At his side the lovely Luna Moon offered gill-edged catalogues at 5s. a go; she explained, with a pretty toss of her golden head, that the catalogues were autographed by such artists as Mahalan, Boppe, Aristide Punt, Sooty, Mabel Stufte, Gaston Ridicule, and Oomerlinck.

It's an Oomerlinck

In a little back room, late at night watched a young man finishing a large Oomerlinck seascape. "That's better than the Ridicule you did yesterday," said Foulness. "That'll do for tonight." The five-pound-a-week hack then departed, and the two art-lovers discussed the price to be put on the new masterpiece. "Low prices at this time," said Foulness. "We don't want to scare them away." "Suppose the critics say there's no such painter as Oomerlinck?" asked Miss Moon. "You will invite them here, and introduce me as Oomerlinck, my sweet one," replied Foulness, tapping the off-side of her neck affectionately with the index finger of his right hand. "I'm ready to be any of these artists if the critics get nasty."

Take it from me

ONE of those truculent Socialist nincompoops who get the hair on their chests from theatrical costumiers said the other day that he claimed "equal rights for all." Coming from a quarter that phrase today means the exact opposite to what it says. It means equal wrongs for all.

In passing

I UNDERSTAND that if the doctors refuse to become civil servants the Government, yielding to the will of the people as expressed at the last election, will carry out its mandate by making all the civil servants doctors. By that time the farmers will be civil servants, too, and all you will have to do if you want permission to grow corn or have your rheumatism treated is to dial Whitehall. A courteous voice will tell you your code number and where and when to report for instructions.

CHECK YOUR KNOWLEDGE.

Answers

1. Fish. 2. In place of a parent. 3. The branch of zoology which treats of fish. 4. Henrik Ibsen. 5. Accomplished one. 6. The Volga River.

FOR THE BUSINESSMAN

US Interests To Boost Free Market For Gold

Washington, May 16.—Informed industrial sources anticipate an attempt by the mining states' delegates at the Republican and Democratic National Conventions to interest platform committees in a proposal for the re-establishment of a free market for gold in the United States.

Technical preparations indicate a long struggle developing, both in the United States Congress and before the general public, to legalise again private holding and trading in gold.

Members of both major parties are disturbed by the continued inflationary trend of the general price level, and the refusal of Congress to approve stringent price control programmes turns political attention to possible means of influencing the price level through changes in the gold laws.

Probable Discussion
The Republicans, Democrats or both have adopted some kind of monetary declaration at every national convention since 1880, and the revival of such discussion is probable in the forthcoming campaign in view of public bitterness at the high cost of living.

Both the United States Treasury and the International Monetary Fund requested its members to prevent the sale of gold at a price above the United States Treasury price of US\$35 per ounce.

However, Mr. Francis Brownell, chairman of the Financial Committee of the American Smelting and Refining Company, in a letter to Congressional committees, said this action by the International Monetary Fund had the effect of diverting to the United States Treasury large amounts of gold which otherwise would have been sold elsewhere.

Demand For Gold

United States gold stocks increased by US\$2,000,000,000 in 1947. "Previously the demand for gold outside the United States was so great as to absorb at prices well above \$35 all gold offered, and very little came to the United States Treasury, except United States production, which by law must be sold to the Mint. Outside demand still remains," wrote Mr. Brownell.

The Brownell letter said the US\$2,000,000,000 of gold bought by the United States Government in 1947 was equivalent to world production, excluding Russia, for about two and a half years. It said if the United States continued to buy at this rate, it would purchase all the monetary gold in the world outside of Russia in about 10 years.

The fact that the United States already holds 60 percent of the world's gold makes it difficult for other countries to return to the gold standard, the letter continued.

Three Points

Mr. Brownell alleged—that the US\$2,000,000,000 annual increase in United States Government gold holdings would be equivalent to an increase of US\$10,000,000,000 of credits through loans or discounts. He said such an inflationary threat could be remedied by a three-point programme:
1. Rescind prohibition of ownership of gold by United States citizens.
2. Permit a free market, both in the United States and elsewhere, for all gold, including United States mines' production.
3. Leave the present United States gold policy otherwise unchanged, continuing the obligation of the Treasury to buy gold offered at US\$35 per ounce.—United Press.

FORD PROPOSES WAGE CUTS

Detroit, May 16.—The Ford Motor Company today answered a union demand for a wage rise of 30 cents an hour with a proposal to cut wages.
Mr. Emil Mazzy, Secretary of the United Automobile Workers, said last night that the Chrysler strike, which began on May 11, would be labour's biggest battle in 1948.
Chrysler's 75,000 workers struck for a rise of 17 cents, reduced from their original 30 cents demand. It was the first big Detroit motor workers' strike since December, 1945.—Reuter.

Waterside Fires: Arrest Expected

Melbourne, May 16.—The waterfront police, investigating five fires which have broken out recently in the British-India steamer Pemba, expect to make an arrest tomorrow.
The police learned today that a bunch of keys to the hold disappeared before yesterday's outbreak, which was the fourth since the Pemba arrived from Sydney on April 10.
Another occurred in Sydney nine weeks ago. The Agents yesterday offered a £400 reward for information leading to the conviction of the offender.—Reuter.

REVIEW OF LONDON STOCKS

London, May 16.—Holders of Anglo-Iranian oil shares, expected to be the only investors in the past week who repudiated the newspapers' their shares moved up and down incessantly between 170/- and 167/6. Judges by market results, all other investors and speculators had either ceased reading the papers or had acquired a certain stolidity since peace broke out.

The Financial Times' index of leading industrial shares was virtually immobile throughout the week between 120.3 and 120.5.

One quieting influence was the reinvestment of some £41,000,000 which Argentina had distributed to holders of railway debentures. Much of it went into gilt-edged, where it caused some issues to rise as much as 11/16th. The Financial Times index crept up from 112.17 to 112.40. Some of this money was believed to have spilled over into the industrial section and kept market lenders steadier than they might have been.

Bad Spot

Britain's evacuation of Palestine had long been anticipated as probably furnishing a "bad spot" for the markets, but it turned out to be otherwise. Similarly the deterioration of Soviet-American discussions, though disappointing, failed to do more than make for quiet markets.

The turnover for the past week improved with a daily average of 8,560 bargains marked, compared with 6,162 the previous week.

Perhaps the strongest single issue was Canadian Pacific, which is now being strongly tipped as the future owner of oil royalties. Shares rose 32 1/2 to 32 3/8.

The most carefree group was shipping shares, which improved steadily in disregard of Washington dispatches about the subsidised American competition.—United Press.

Missing Liaison Officer Found

Berlin, May 16.—Lieutenant-General Mihail Drutvin, the Soviet Deputy Military Governor in Germany, announced here that Mr Igor Klein, liaison officer with the British Control Commission in Berlin, had placed himself voluntarily in the custody of the Soviet Kommandatura.

Ten days ago, public safety officers in the British sector of Berlin began a search for Mr Klein, whose engagement with the Control Commission had been terminated, when it became known that he had not arrived in Britain, nor used the passport booked for him from the Hook of Holland.

General Drutvin made the disclosure of the official whereabouts in a letter requesting the British authorities to take delivery of Mr Klein.—Reuter.

Schwarzkoft To Leave Iran

Teheran, May 16.—Rumours spreading in Teheran that General Norman Schwarzkoft, head of the American Mission to the Iranian Government, will replace General Wendell D. Clay in Berlin, were categorically denied today by John G. Wiley, new U.S. Ambassador to Iran.

In response to a query whether General Schwarzkoft might nevertheless shortly be replaced in Iran, Wiley answered: "Very probably."

He pointed out that General Schwarzkoft had been here five and a half years and that this exceeded the normal four of the U.S. Army. He stated that Schwarzkoft was replaced, it would be because the Army had highly important work for him elsewhere.

"But not," he emphasised, "as General Clay's replacement."—Associated Press.

Australia Said Killing Herself

Brisbane, May 16.—Australia said doing what the Japanese could not do—"killing herself." Cardinal Francis Spellman, the Roman Catholic Archbishop of New York, said here today.

He said that the Dominions must improve her birthrate, which was lower than the death rate.—Reuter.

McKENNEY ON BRIDGE

Daring Trump Play Key To Heart Game

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Stern Gang Victims

Liverpool, May 16.—Thirty-four Hebrew Christian refugees, who said they were warned by the Stern Gang, the Jewish terrorist organization, to leave Palestine or risk death, arrived here today from Haifa in the troopship Georgia.

They were 20 women and 14 men, blacklisted by the Stern Gang for refusing their religion and for working for the British in professional and industrial capacities.

Some of them told they had been tortured and condemned to death by the Stern Gang. There were four small children with the party, but most of the refugees said they were forced to flee from their homes and families.—Reuter.

DAKOTAS SEIZED

Action By Egyptian Air Force

Cairo, May 16.—The American Ambassador, Mr. S. Pinkney Tuck, has made representations to Prime Minister Nokrashi Pasha against the seizure by the Egyptian Air Force on Saturday of four surplus C-47 Dakota aeroplanes which Trans-World Airlines had agreed previously to sell to Saudi Arabia.

Mr. Tuck advised the Prime Minister of the seizure and asked him to review the decision under which it was made. No reply had been received at the time this was written.

Following Saturday's Dakota seizures, a C-54 Skymaster of the U.S. Air Force, enroute from Europe to the U.S. airbase at Dhahran, Saudi Arabia, was detained at Farouk Field today pending inspection by a representative of the nation's Defence Ministry.

SUPPLY FLIGHT
American official said the Sky-master was making a semi-weekly supply flight to Dhahran Field. The Skymaster was allowed to proceed to Dhahran later today. Whether it was inspected by the Defence Ministry before its departure could not be determined immediately.

Representatives of the Egyptian Air Force appeared at T.W.A. offices at Farouk Field on Saturday with a document signed by Haidar Pasha, Defence Minister and approved by Nokrashi Pasha ordering the seizure. Ambassador Tuck made representations but after some delay, Egyptian pilots took the planes away.

Another development was an order banning all flight over Egypt from 7 p.m. to 5 a.m., apparently a precaution against possible Jewish air raids.—Associated Press.

RAF MEN HELD UP
London, May 16.—The British Air Ministry said today the Commonwealth Relations Office has told its Commissioner in Pakistan to make "urgent representations" on behalf of the four RAF officers held up there by a dispute over their medical certificates.

A Ministry spokesman said "apparently the medical station at Changi, which inoculated the four against yellow fever, is not on a Pakistan approved list although it is a perfectly competent station."

He said he did not know whether the Commonwealth Relations Commissioner had had any success in his talks with the Pakistan officials.—Associated Press.

Ex-Siam Premier For England

Singapore, May 16.—Pridi Panomyong, former Siamese Premier, and a senior statesman who fled after last November's coup d'etat by Marshal Pibul Songgram, will visit Britain, shortly as "a private citizen."

He escaped from Siam wearing dark glasses and a false moustache and was smuggled into Singapore.

He was leader of Siam's wartime "Free Thai" underground movement and for almost 18 months was in daily radio contact with the Ceylon headquarters of the Supreme Commander, Admiral Lord Louis Mountbatten.—Reuter.

French President Calls For "Frank Parley"

Paris, May 16.—The French President, M. Vincent Auriol, today called for a "frank parley" between responsible statesmen to put an end to "these discussions on procedure, these insidious notes, these backhanded blows, and these pinpricks which serve nobody's prestige or influence and even less the cause of peace."

"The sincerity of words is measured by acts and the best way to test the loyalty of a partner is to take him at his word," the President declared.

Speaking at a wine festival at Macon, Burgundy, President Auriol said that people were "woary of pacific proclamations which are not followed by any constructive proposition while armed fear continues to reign and acts are accomplished which seem to bring the terrible danger of war nearer."

It was time, he said, "to the spirit, as well as the letter of the United Nations Charter."

Referring to the recent exchange of Soviet-American notes, he said:

BRITISH TORIES WANT SPAIN BROUGHT INTO THE WESTERN UNION

London, May 16.—A campaign to bring Franco Spain into the Western world fold found increasing Conservative support in Britain this week.

Disputing the official policy of the Government that Spain must remain outside until Franco goes, Conservative Members of Parliament left their normal forum to carry on the fight in the columns of The Times, the most influential paper in Britain.

Spain, left standing in the naughty boy's corner of the international school-room since the war, is barred from the United Nations, from Marshall aid, from Western Union.

The main argument of those who would change this is that if the Western democracies maintain relations with other countries whose ideology—Communism—they disagree with, why then should they not recognise Spain, even while still disliking Franco's ideology?

Big Five May Discuss Palestine

Lake Success, May 16.—The Security Council, resuming its emergency session on Palestine tomorrow, may call the Big Five together to consider the Arab attacks on the new Jewish State.

This move, suggested by Dr Alfonso Lopez, of Colombia, would be made under the article of the United Nations Charter which provides for the major powers to consult together on "joint action" to maintain international peace and security.

Before the Council meeting, the Big Five will meet in closed session to consider candidates for the post of United Nations mediator in the Holy Land as agreed by the General Assembly on Friday.

Reports published today said Count Folke Bernadotte, nephew of the King of Sweden, was being considered as mediator as well as Mr Harold Evans, of Philadelphia, who has already been appointed Municipal Commissioner of Jerusalem.

Count Bernadotte, President of the Swedish Red Cross, played a leading part in the peace talks before the German capitulation.

The Security Council's emergency meeting was called on Saturday within four hours of an Egyptian note stating that Egyptian forces had entered Palestine to restore order "against Zionist terrorism."

Pt. Swettenham Strike

Singapore, May 16.—Two hundred Malay labourers working under police guards were used by the Federal Malay Government today to unload a cargo of sugar from a ship delayed by a three-week old strike at Port Swettenham, Malaysia's main port.

The strike began on April 27 for higher wages and better conditions though it was thought to be in sympathy with the stoppage then on in Singapore and since broken by the introduction of outside labour.

The Governor, Sir Edward Gent, recently warned Port Swettenham strikers that he would use "direct labour" to work the port if they did not return to work.—Reuter.

NO VIET NAM GOVT. YET

Saigon, May 16.—Mr Tran Van Huu, Vice-President of the South Viet Nam Government, told Reuter today there might be some delay in the setting up of a Viet Namese (Indo-Chinese Nationalist) Central Government.

Mr Tran Van Huu recently returned from Hongkong, where he met Bao Dai, the ex-Empress of Annam.

Mr Tran Van Huu said he had been instructed by Bao Dai to contact various personalities. He declined to disclose their names, but they are believed to be members of the Indo-Chinese resistance.—Reuter.

Mr Michael Astor, Conservative Member who was among a group which backed a New Deal for Spain in last week's foreign affairs debate in the House of Commons, brought this argument up in a letter to The Times yesterday.

He wrote: "There is abundant evidence to show that the iron hand of dictatorship is far more liberal in Spain than in Russia."

"The policy of the present Government towards Spain is an aftermath of the appeasing policy which this country adopted towards Russia immediately after the war."

"It is a concession to strength and not the maintenance of a moral principle, and as such it is in the worst traditions of British foreign policy."

RAGING CONTROVERSY
"Apart from this matter of principle, it has been the direct cause of the strengthening of General Franco's position in Spain, and has hardened the hearts of the Spanish people against the Western democracies."

The Times' controversy has raged for six days.

The first to come to the support of Spain was a Conservative Member of Parliament, Major Guy Lloyd, who wrote: "Spain was the first Western European nation to see the Red light and to fight successfully against anarchy and Communism."

"Our continued refusal to allow her to participate in the defence of Western civilisation is a triumph for Communist propaganda and an act of extreme folly."

Mr M. H. Scott, a retired Navy captain, and wartime Naval Attaché in Madrid, next rallied to Mr Lloyd's side with the warning: "Deliberately to shut out Spain from the Western Union is merely to sabotage the plan for European recovery and, to anyone with a knowledge of Spain, it is utterly incomprehensible."

COUNTER-BLASTS
Next day, counter-blasts came from other correspondents. One, an Oxford University don, wrote that Major Lloyd's letter is "actually giving powerful assistance to Russian propaganda. It will obviously be quoted as an instance proving that Russian propaganda is correct when it asserts that the spokesmen of Western democracy are hypocritical when they talk of maintaining freedom; that they really have no objections to a police state provided only that it is a police state which protects the rights of property."

By yesterday, the correspondence had expanded to almost a full column of The Times.

Two more Conservative Members of Parliament, Major H. Legge-Bourke and Sir Patrick Hannon, provided this joint comment: "The safeguarding of a bridgehead in Europe for those opposed to Communism ought to be the main strategic purpose of any such (Western Union) plan."

"However distasteful General Franco's methods may be to us, they ought not to be permitted to cloud the fact that the existence of the Iberian Peninsula and the natural barrier of the Pyrenees afford the only practical means of securing such a bridgehead, just as, in the last century, was the case when Napoleon was the antagonist."

FACTS TO FACE
Despite the growing campaign, the backers of Spain, diplomatic observers say, have these apparently stone-wall facts to face:

1.—The Western Union (of Britain, France and the Benelux countries) is a tight regional military alliance, and no one else is likely to come in for the moment.

2.—The United States' official policy is that Spain cannot come into the Marshall plan unless the 10 European nations in the European recovery programme agree—and this is most improbable unless Franco goes.

3.—Leftwing opinion, even of the most moderate type, is set hard against bringing a Fascist State into the anti-totalitarian camp—even if it considered its form of Fascism was now undynamic and almost benevolent.—Reuter.

U.S. Films To Be Made In Britain

New York, May 16.—Eleven out of 20 pictures to be made overseas by American companies within the next 12 months will be made in Britain, studio press announcements said today.

These will have their earnings frozen in Britain under terms of the tax agreement to finance them.

Various leading film production companies are making "incentive" deals with American film companies getting their frozen money out of England and the British have found a way of saying "no" to all of them.—Associated Press.

SCAP WILL LIMIT OPERATIONS

Tokyo, May 16.—The Economic and Scientific Section of General MacArthur's headquarters today announced that, effective from June 12, the sales operations of SCAP's foreign trade office in New York would be limited to the disposal of materials such as raw silk now on inventory in the United States.

The inventories of Japanese commodities now in the United States will not be replenished as stocks are liquidated.

The office will continue to be available to promote the sales of all goods for shipment to Japan, but will not act as sales agent.

The official statement said the office would provide every possible assistance to buyers in the United States to obtain their requirements from Japan, but actual sales negotiations would be conducted directly by American buyers with exporters in Japan through a utilisation of authorised communications facilities.

For the time being, these private negotiations will continue to be formalised by the contracts between American buyers and the Japanese Board of Trade.

The official reason for the change of policy is that it is a forward step in restoring Japanese trade relations to private channels.—Reuter.

PRINCESS AT THE RACES

Paris, May 16.—Princess Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh watched the races at Longchamp this afternoon from the Presidential box, backed by a great bank of pink, white and blue hydrangeas.

The Princess, wearing a white flowered frock and a white hat trimmed with white flowers, followed each event closely through binoculars, but did not bet.

The French police advised her not to go to look at the horses in the paddock as had at first been planned, and this deprived the great Whitsunday crowd of a chance to see her at close view.

Loud cheers greeted the Princess and the Duke as they stepped into their box to be received by Madame Vincent Auriol, the President's wife.

In the morning the Royal couple rose early to attend a celebration of Holy Communion at the Anglican Church in the Rue Daguesseau, just across from the British Embassy in Paris.—Reuter.

Pravda Sings The Same Old Tune

Moscow, May 16.—Pravda, the organ of the Russian Communist Party, declared tonight "Swedish reactionaries and advocates of Nordic co-operation" were "seeking to place Sweden in the ranks of the mercenaries of imperialist monopolies."

"The Swedish reactionaries are now attempting to embroil Sweden in the 'Western Union' which have aspirations in common with the genuine aspirations of the Swedish people, who have no interest in a policy of forming military blocs and abandoning international co-operation," the newspaper added.—Reuter.

He Lost His Bet

Paris, May 16.—Completely sobered and repentant, a French law student was released today after he was caught by police trying to scale the wall of the British Embassy where Princess Elizabeth and Prince Philip are staying.

The student, apparently under the influence of alcohol when caught, said he had bet some of his friends he would be received by the Princess.—Associated Press.

"SABOTEURS" HELD

London, May 16.—Sixteen members of a "sabotage" gang whose arrest was announced in Prague yesterday, were alleged by Prague Radio today to have started firing following "inciting broadcasts" by the British Broadcasting Corporation.

The 16 were accused of destroying machinery worth one million crowns and to have burnt several industrial undertakings.—Reuter.

Death For Terrorists

Belgrade, May 16.—Four members of an armed Slovene band, alleged to have terrorised the countryside near Celje, were sentenced to death last night by a Slovene district court.

The band was accused of plundering private property and attempting to persuade several peasant soldiers to join them. The band was said to have been captured after a short armed battle on March 17.

Several of the band's friends and relatives were also tried and sentenced to three months' imprisonment each for hiding or otherwise aiding them.

One member of the band was sentenced to 20 years.—Reuter.

Executions In Greece

British Labourites Perturbed

Scarborough, May 16.—A motion of protest against recent mass executions in Greece, to be submitted to the Labour Party Conference which opens here tomorrow, was being considered by the Party Executive this afternoon.

The Prime Minister, Mr Clement Attlee, and the Deputy Premier, Mr Herbert Morrison, and several other members of the Government were present.

The Executive also considered a proposal to expel Mr Alfred Edwards, Labour Member of Parliament for Middlesbrough, East, for his refusal to stop his public campaign against the Government's nationalisation policy.

ON THE DEFENSIVE
Both moves were seen by delegates here as part of a deliberate effort, to rally the party in the face of increasing attacks.

This is to be effected by a showdown with the dwindling pro-Communist wing of the party on the one side and by a "strong public stand by the party's" nationalisation policy on the other.

There is a widespread feeling among delegates that Labour, after three years in office, has lately been put on the defensive and that the recent inner party quarrels have weakened its position.

A public opinion poll was published in a London pro-Labour Sunday paper this morning predicting a defeat for Labour if a general election took place today.

This has not produced the shock among the delegates which the paper predicted.—Reuter.

Death Of Lord Balfour's Niece

London, May 16.—Mrs Blanche Elizabeth Campbell Dugdale, niece and biographer of Lord Balfour, author of the famous Declaration favouring the establishment of a Jewish National Home in Palestine, died at Maybold, Ayrshire, Scotland, today.

She was an authority on Palestine, a close confidante of her uncle during the last three years of his life, and a prominent public defender of the principles of his Declaration.—Reuter.

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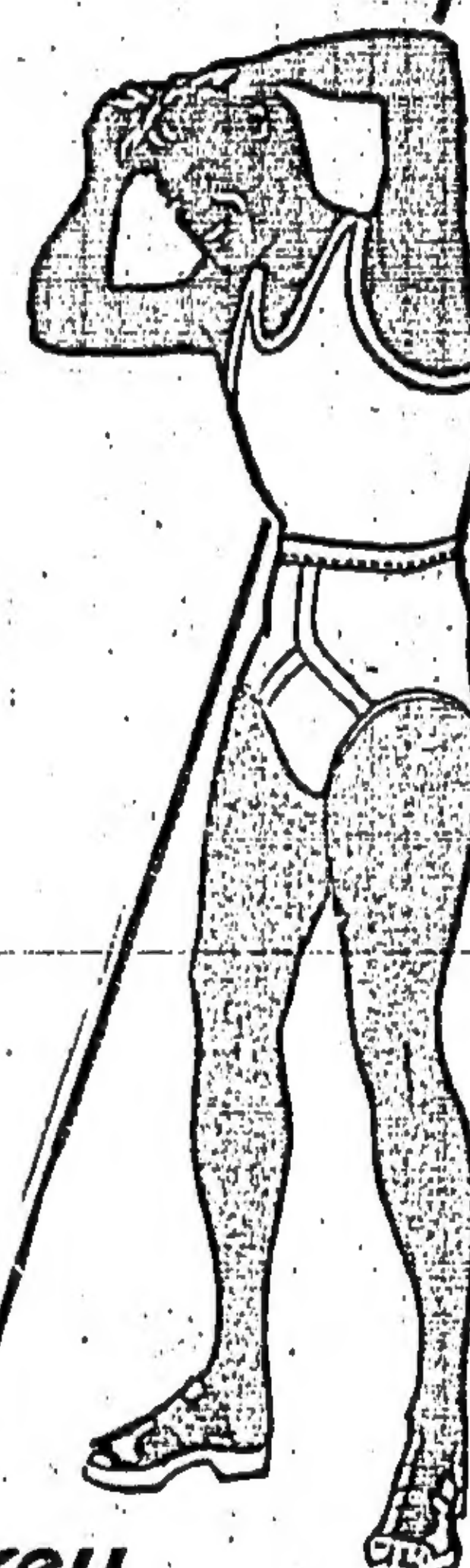
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